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Supplemental to the Amendment filed November 4, 2002, please further amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 29, 44, 50, 55 and 60 as shown in clean form below.

29. (Amended) An ultrasound diagnostic apparatus comprising:

a transducer configured to transmit ultrasound to a human body having implanted bubbles and to receive an echo signal corresponding to an ultrasound echo from the human body;

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a transmission mechanism configured to apply a first drive signal and then a second drive signal successively to said transducer, said first drive signal having a first characteristic resulting in said transducer generating a respective first echo signal representative of a first quality image and said second drive signal having a second characteristic resulting in said

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